

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED TYPE IV CAPACITY EXPANSION NORTHWEST REGIONAL LANDFILL A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY 19401 West Deer Valley Road, Surprise, Arizona 85387

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has received a type IV change plan modification application from Waste Management Arizona Landfills, Inc., 2425 South 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85034, and to solicit comments on the Northwest Regional Landfill's proposed top deck and side slopes modification plans. The Northwest Regional Landfill facility is located approximately 9 miles west-northwest of the Town of El Mirage, in Maricopa County, Arizona. The landfill comprises approximately 1,200 acres of land encompassing all of Section 21, the eastern half of Section 20, the northern one-half of the northern one-half of Section 28, and the northern one-half of the northeastern quarter of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 2 West, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian. Approximately 711 acres of the site are planned for land disposal of solid wastes. The proposed modification plan for Phase II (120 acres) and Phase III (485 acres) results in a volume increase of approximately 9 million cubic yards and 22 million cubic yards, respectively.

As part of its deliberation on whether to approve or disapprove the application, ADEQ is requesting comments on the proposed type IV change for Northwest Regional Landfill. ADEQ will review all written technical comments and, as appropriate, request the applicant to modify the facility plan to address comments received. If a preliminary decision is made by ADEQ to approve the facility plan application, and if sufficient public interest is evidenced by written comments received, the department will hold a formal public hearing. If a public hearing is held, each person who submitted comments will be notified by mail of the hearing, and a public hearing notice will be published in this newspaper.

ADEQ's role in the approval process is to ensure, through the plan review process, that the proposed Northwest Regional Landfill's type IV change will not create a public health nuisance or cause contamination to the environment. Therefore, ADEQ is interested in receiving comments that address the proposed modification as it relates to public health or environmental concerns.

ADEQ is also interested in receiving comments from those concerned about whether granting approval of the application is consistent with the Civil Rights Restoration Act (Title VI, 42 U.S. Code § 2000d) and EPA regulations governing programs that are in receipt of EPA funding (40 Code of Federal Regulations § Part 7). ADEQ is particularly interested in comments or information demonstrating that approval of this facility would cause an adverse and disparate impact on the local community as defined in EPA's disparate impact regulation (40 CFR § Part 7). See 65 Federal Register 39650 (2000).

Written comments must be submitted during the comment period which begins with the publication of this public notice (on or about July 15, 2004) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2004. All written comments must be signed by the person making the comments and include his/her name and address. Comments must be submitted to Richard Jeffries, P.E., Manager, Solid Waste Plan Review Unit, Waste Programs Division, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

For more information about the proposed modification to this existing landfill, contact Deepal Gunawardena at (602) 771- 4581, or toll free at (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4581. The proposed Northwest Regional Landfill type IV change application is available for public review at the ADEQ Records Management Center, First Floor, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except public holidays). The application is also available at the Northwest Regional Library, 16089 North Bullard Avenue, Surprise Arizona 85356. For appointments, please contact ADEQ at (602) 771-4380, and the Northwest Regional Library at (623) 544-6371.